

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the members of our nation's Armed Forces are dedicated to safeguarding the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, in serious times of war and conflict, these brave men and women consistently perform their duties with dedication, courage, and distinction, often risking their lives to shape a better world; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2003, residents from across the Palmetto State will gather at the Lexington District One Stadium to recognize our troops currently serving and to welcome home our troops who have been defending our freedoms for future generations; and

WHEREAS, as members of the United States military face the challenges of Operation Iraqi Freedom, it is fitting and proper that citizens throughout South Carolina and the nation rally in support of our troops and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 7, 2003, as

RALLY FOR OUR TROOPS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to express our gratitude to our troops for their dedication to preserving the freedoms we all cherish, while paying solemn tribute to those who have given their lives in defense of liberty.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford", is written over a horizontal line.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA